

'It's a problem-free philosophy'



Above, Left to right, biomedical engineering juniors Dina Weng and Laura Fuentes and advertising sophomore Tiffanie Kung relieve their stress Wednesday by petting Sam the dog. Below, UT recsports massage therapists Paula Smith gives free massages to students and faculty on the porch of the Flawn Academic Center.

Groups unite at Stressfest; offer relief to overburdened students

Whether it was by playing with two-year-old Sam, a golden retriever from Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, or by watching their stress “dissolve” from a sheet of paper that they stirred in a bowl of water, stressed out students were offered several options to help them relax at the 13th annual Stressfest on Wednesday.

Despite the rainy weather, more than 30 organizations attended the event on the porch of the Flawn Academic Center to help students manage their stress and learn more about the stress-management resources available to them.

The event was hosted by the University’s Counseling and Mental Health Center, along with several organizations from University Health



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Admissions process at UT is under fire

Affirmative action case could go to Supreme Court if appealed again

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

The U.S. Supreme Court may soon hear a lawsuit regarding the University’s admissions policy.

A suit was filed in 2008 by Abigail Fisher and another white female against the University after they were denied admission to the school. In the suit, the plaintiffs claimed they were rejected because the University wanted a more diverse class. But in August 2009, the U.S. District judge rejected the plaintiffs’ claim, stating that the University’s admissions policies were legal. The plaintiffs then took the case to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where it is currently pending.

Edward Blum, a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, said whichever party loses the case in the 5th Circuit Court will likely appeal to the Supreme Court.

“It is likely that that decision will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court,” Blum said. “There is no guarantee that the Supreme Court will take it.”

Outside of those admitted under the top 10 percent rule, freshman admissions decisions at the University are based on nine factors, one of which is “special circumstances,” such as socioeconomic status, experience overcoming adversity, race and ethnicity, according to the 2009-10 General Information Catalog.

The Department of Justice filed a brief in March in support of the University’s policy that is meant to assist the judge in making a decision.

Blum said the brief has not altered the case at all but has only pushed it further into the spotlight. Patricia Ohlendorf, vice president for legal affairs at UT, said this admissions process is a holistic review that takes into account all nine factors.

The University’s admission policy came under fire in the 1996 Hopwood v. Texas case in which Hopwood, a white female, and three other white males claimed they were denied admission to UT’s School of Law even though they were better-qualified than many minority candidates who were admitted. The court decision led to a restructuring of the University’s diversity strategy that excluded racial preferences and focused more on the socioeconomic status of applicants and their families. The ruling also brought about the provision that guaranteed all high school graduates in the state of Texas who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class admittance into any public state university. The ruling kept race out of all admissions policies until the 2003 case, Grutter v. Bollinger.

In 1996, Barbara Grutter, a white female, applied to the University of Michigan Law School and was rejected, despite her qualifications. Grutter filed suit against the law school on the grounds that she was rejected because of her race. The case made it to the

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Professors debate over state curriculum plan

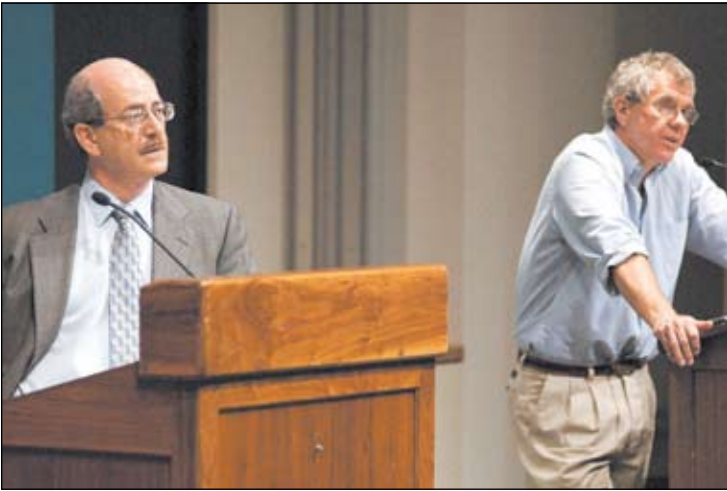
By Radhika Sakalkale
Daily Texan Staff

On Wednesday, two UT professors debated the proposed changes to the Texas K-12 social studies curriculum, a topic that has sparked national controversy over the past month.

On March 12, the Texas State Board of Education made more than 100 recommendations to a 2009 draft of the curriculum. Philosophy professor Dan Bonevac argued in favor of the changes while math professor Lorenzo Sadun argued against them.

The recommendations proposed

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Math professor Lorenzo Sadun and philosophy professor Dan Bonevac debate on campus Wednesday about whether the Texas K-12 social studies curriculum should undergo recently suggested changes.

Committee offers final cafe proposals

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

After weeks of discussion about the Cactus Cafe, a six-member committee comprised of students, administrators and community members published guiding principles and possible options for the cafe’s future.

The committee, which meets today for the fifth time in closed session, is responsible for providing a final recommendation to the Texas Union Board of Directors on April 30.

The principles and options were published on the University’s Cactus Cafe blog late Tuesday and were sent on behalf of committee members Juan Gonzalez, who also serves as vice president for student affairs, and dean of students Sonia Reagins-Lilly.

The three options include outsourcing management to a non-UT entity, continuing it as a self-operating entity under a University office, or partnering with KUT Radio. The

The Committee's Six Guiding Principles

1. Preserve the character of the venue while continuing diverse programming
2. Continue daily cafe and bar operations under professional staff
3. Increase the number of student performances at the cafe
4. Increase hands-on learning for students through the cafe
5. Create a self-sustaining financial model to support the other principles
6. Provide a structure for community input and support

station would share responsibilities with student organizations to arrange programming.

The six-member committee includes Gonzalez and Reagins-Lilly, along with biology graduate student Hayley Gillespie and fine arts senior Matt Portillo as student representatives. The two community representatives on the board are Burt Stein, chairman of the Austin Music Commission, and Cameron Smith from the Texas Performing Arts.

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Opening of Whataburger cooks up excitement at UT

Taco Bell closes location after 40 years on Drag for popular burger joint

By Nehal Patel
Daily Texan Staff

Filling a late-night Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit craving just got easier for UT students. A Whataburger will open the last week of May at Guadalupe and 28th streets, the former location of Taco Bell.

The Taco Bell closed March

25, and renovations to the entire building began April 1 for the 24-hour Whataburger, said the famous Texas pit stop’s area manager Muhammad Qureshi.

“We’ve been trying to open a location on the Drag for a while now,” Qureshi said.

The Taco Bell, which had been at the location for about 40 years, closed because of an expired lease that couldn’t be renewed, said Caleb Stirling, the brand development manager for Austaco Ltd., a franchise in the Taco Bell system.

“When the lease was ending, we wanted a new, longer lease to rebuild the building, but the lease became more expensive, and it didn’t fit our business model,” Stirling said. “It’s an unfortunate situation, and we were sad to close, but we’re looking to open one or two other locations around campus as soon as possible.”

The closure of the Taco Bell was met with enthusiasm by some students. A Facebook group called “Bring a

Whataburger to UT” had 1,853 members at press time.

Mark Nemir, owner of Dirty Martin’s Kum-Bak Place, on the Drag, said he was a little surprised to learn that Whataburger was opening next to his establishment, but that he is not worried about the effect it will have on his burger business.

“We’ve been in Austin since 1926, and there have been burger places up and down the Drag

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CORRECTION

The caption for the picture of Reid Nelson that ran in Wednesday's paper should have stated that Nelson announced his departure from discussions with UT administrators.

The Texan regrets the error.

TODAY'S WEATHER

High 72 Low 45

Yo yo yo, it's Inky the DT kitteh.

'LAZING ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON'



Shannon Kitner | Daily Texan Staff

After a rainy morning, students cross the street free of umbrellas and hoodies as the weather warmed up and the sun began to shine in the afternoon.

NEWS BRIEFLY

'Mythbusters' to speak at UT about mixing science, curiosity

The hosts of the popular Discovery Channel television show "Mythbusters" will speak to students at the Texas Union Grand Ballroom today from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman will talk to students about the experiences they have had with each other and with filming the show, which focuses on the two of them as they mix science with their own general curiosity and creativity with experiment, according to the show's Web site.

The event is free with a pass, though passes are no longer available and the event is sold out. There is a Facebook page dedicated to the event, and more than 1,200 people are listed as confirmed attendees.

— Shamoyita DasGupta

CURRICULUM: Controversy surrounds recent changes

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recommendation calls for the replacement of the term "capitalism" with "free enterprise."

"Without being themselves experts in any of the subjects being taught, they spell out detailed prescriptions for what should or shouldn't be covered. The result is a disorganized set of standards that loses the forest for the trees," he said. "This is not a liberal or conservative failing, and it's just as bad in science and language arts as it is in social studies. The board needs to learn some humility and back off."

Bonevac said there are fundamental, philosophical disagreements between the board and those who criticize their decisions.

"Critics of the board typically

accept the narrative themselves and act as if board members and supporters are too stupid to understand it," Bonevac said. "In fact, they understand it, and they reject it. They want to include alternatives. The curriculum standards, after these amendments, won't present an alternative, conservative narrative."

The debate is the third in a series of debates called the Texas Chautauquas and are sponsored by the Texas IP Fellows, a program that encourages the interdisciplinary study of natural sciences and liberal arts.

"The purpose of the debate is to educate students and faculty about issues that affect us and to present both positions of the argument," said English senior Joy Alvarado, who attended the debate.

campus watch

Please vacate the premises

Almetris Duren Residence Hall, 2624 Whitis

Assault by Threat / Criminal Trespass Warning: Roommates of a dormitory room engaged in an argument about one of the roommate's boyfriend staying in the dormitory room after the established visitation hours. The boyfriend then began to yell at and threaten the other roommate. The boyfriend continued his tirade by yelling at the responding resident assistant before leaving the room. Responding police officers located the boyfriend nearby. In addition to other law enforcement action taken, the boyfriend was also issued a written criminal trespass warning. Occurred on 4/7/10 at 1:12 a.m.

Just takin' a nap

Claudia T. Johnson Hall, 210 W. 6th St.

Criminal Trespass Warning: A non-UT subject was reported as sleeping on a bench located on the east side of the building. When the subject was located, she was issued a written criminal trespass warning. Occurred on 4/6/10 at 5:22 p.m.

Wallet woes

IC2 INSTITUTE, 2815 San Gabriel

Theft: A leopard-print makeup bag containing assorted makeup and a brown, medium-sized Coach checkbook wallet containing blank checks, various debit and credit cards, various forms of identification and \$55 in cash were stolen from a purse that was left in a second-floor work cubicle. Loss value: \$270.00. Occurred on 4/5/10 between 10:15 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

Can you hear me now?

Jester Academic Center, 201 E. 21st St.

Theft: A white- and black-colored Nokia 5300 Xpress Music cellular telephone was stolen when it was left on a toilet-paper dispens-

er located inside a first-floor men's restroom. Before the cellular phone service could be canceled, four unauthorized telephone calls were made using the telephone. Loss value: \$150.00. Occurred on 4/5/10 between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The fourth offense

Peter T. Flawn Academic Center, #2 West Mall

Criminal Trespass Warning / Assist Outside Agency: A non-UT subject was reported as "yelling at" passing students before walking into the first-floor men's restroom. The subject was found to have three outstanding outside agency arrest warrants for crossing against the crosswalk light, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. In addition to other law enforcement action taken, the subject was issued a written criminal trespass warning. Occurred on 4/6/10 at 12:25 p.m.

Wake up, it's time to go

UT Administration Building, 1616 Guadalupe

Criminal Trespass Warning: A non-UT subject was reported as sleeping behind a brick wall located on the east side of the building. The subject was awakened and issued a written criminal trespass warning. Occurred on 4/6/10 at 5:17 p.m.

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Driving While Intoxicated / Driving with an Invalid License: A non-UT subject was stopped for weaving in and out of a traffic lane and jumping a curb. The subject was found to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage to the point he was deemed to have been driving while intoxicated. The subject was also found to have been driving while his license was suspended. Occurred on 4/7/10 at 2:36 a.m.

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NATION BRIEFLY

Obama denounces inefficiency, fraud in health care system

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — President Barack Obama denounced waste, inefficiency and downright fraud in the government's health care system Wednesday as he sought to rally public support for his revamped overhaul plan.

"Improper payments cost taxpayers almost \$100 billion last year alone," Obama said at a rally in this St. Louis suburb.

He said such payments amounted to more than is spent on the Education Department and the Small Business Administration combined, and that if there was a "Department of Improper Payments" it would be "one of the largest agencies in the government."

Obama cited abuses in the government-run Medicare and Medicaid and in other federal health care programs, citing "payments sent to the wrong person, sent for the wrong reason, sent in the wrong amount."

Female aviators from WWII receive Congressional medal

WASHINGTON — They flew planes during World War II but weren't considered "real" military pilots. No flags were draped over their coffins when they died on duty. And when their service ended, they had to pay their own bus fare home.

These aviators — all women — got long-overdue recognition Wednesday. They received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given by Congress, in a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

About 200 women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASPs, were on hand to receive the award. Some came in wheelchairs, many sported dark blue uniforms.

As a military band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," one of the women who had been sitting in a wheelchair stood up and saluted through the entire song as a relative gently supported her back.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

Judge to analyze 9/11 compensation plan

By David B. Caruso
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A settlement that could pay up to \$657.5 million to more than 10,000 ground zero rescue and recovery workers sickened by dust from the destroyed World Trade Center goes before a judge Friday, and he has said he favored a settlement but planned to analyze it carefully to make sure it was fair.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the proposal "fair and reasonable," a sentiment echoed by one of the negotiators of the deal that was announced Thursday night after years of fighting in court.

The settlement agreed upon by lawyers representing the city, construction companies and the workers was announced by WTC Captive Insurance Co., a special organization established to indemnify the city and its contractors against legal action as they moved to clean up the site after 9/11.

Both sides were scheduled to appear before the federal judge handling the litigation, U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein, who must approve the deal along with the workers themselves. For the settlement to be enforced, 95 percent of the workers would need to agree to be bound by its terms.

The settlement would mean a postponement or cancellation of the trials tentatively scheduled to begin in May. Some of the cases scheduled to be heard first included that of a firefighter who died of throat cancer and another who needed a lung transplant, as well as workers with less serious ailments, including a Consolidated Edison utility company employee with limited exposure to the debris pile and no current serious illness.

The deal would make the city and other companies represented by the insurer liable for a min-



Mark Lennihan | Associated Press

Ironworkers bolt steel beams into place above the 24th floor of One World Trade Center in New York on Wednesday. Respondents to the 9/11 attacks in New York are seeking a settlement worth hundreds of millions of dollars from the city.

imum of \$575 million, with more money available to the sick if certain conditions are met.

Most, if not all of the money would come out of a \$1 billion grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Marc Bern, a senior partner with the law firm Worby, Groner, Edelman & Napoli, Bern LLP, which negotiated the deal, said it was "a good settlement."

Workers who wish to participate in the settlement would need to prove they had been at the World Trade Center site or other facilities that handled de-

bris. They also would have to turn over medical records and provide other information aimed at weeding out fraudulent or dubious claims.

Thousands of police officers, firefighters and construction workers who put in time at the 16-acre site in lower Manhattan had filed lawsuits against the city, claiming it sent them to ground zero without proper protective equipment.

Many now claim to have fallen ill. A majority complained of a respiratory problem similar to asthma, but the suits also

sought damages for hundreds of other types of ailments, including cancer.

Lawyers for the city claimed it did its best to get respiratory equipment to everyone who needed it. They also had challenged some of the claims as based on the thinnest of medical evidence, noting that thousands of the people suing suffered from conditions common in the general population or from no illness at all.

Under the settlement, the task of deciding what each worker will be paid will fall to a neu-

tral third party, to be picked by the two sides. Some workers are likely to receive payments of only a few thousand dollars. Others could be in line to get more than \$1 million, depending on their injuries.

Carpenter James Nolan, of Yonkers, said he helped recover bodies and build ramps for firehoses at the site and then developed lung and leg problems, for which he takes six medications. He said the city knew the air was dirty so he sued six years ago and now he's happy the case is ending.



Jacques Witt | Associated Press

French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, center, visits a school in Washington on Tuesday. She and her husband, Nicolas Sarkozy, are currently under scrutiny for rumors of infidelity in their marriage.

French first lady dismisses rumors

Sarkozy wife brushes off speculation of infidelity, urges others to do same

By Elaine Ganley
The Associated Press

PARIS — Carla Bruni-Sarkozy on Wednesday dismissed as "insignificant" rumors of infidelity by her and her husband, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, and brushed off theories that lies were planted in a plot to bring down the glamorous couple.

She said in an interview with Europe 1 radio that she and Sarkozy "have turned the page" and suggested the media to do the same.

The rumors started in early March by appearing on the blog of a French Sunday newspaper. The rest of the French media initially took a don't-touch approach, even though some foreign newspapers, notably British, published the rumors. They alleged that both the first lady, a former top model, and the president were having affairs.

The reports made headlines in France last weekend with interviews by Sarkozy's lawyer and a top aide close to the first lady who both held out

the possibility that the rumors were part of a plot aimed at "destabilizing" the presidential couple.

But on Wednesday, Bruni-Sarkozy said: "For me and my husband these rumors are insignificant. There is no plot. There is no vengeance. There is nothing. We have turned the page."

Sarkozy's whirlwind romance and marriage in February 2008 to Bruni-Sarkozy, who is now a popular singer, has been closely watched. It is his third marriage and she, in her younger years, famously dismissed monogamy as untenable. Sarkozy married Bruni after an embarrassing public separation and divorce from Cecilia Sarkozy.

In the face of the rumors, the couple have portrayed themselves as tenderly united. They were often seen holding hands during a trip last week to the United States that included a private dinner with the Obamas at the White House.

Bruni-Sarkozy spoke of her husband with devotion on Wednesday, saying his job was not to fight back tawdry rumors but to work for the French.

The company which owns the paper, Le Journal du Dimanche, filed a legal complaint

on March 25 for "fraudulent introduction of information in a computer system," which is against French law. The paper did not print the blog and the company which owns the paper, Hachette Filipacchi Medias, sought to determine who was responsible for the rumor.

The Paris prosecutor's office said Tuesday that, following the complaint, judicial police are investigating to determine the source of the rumor.

Bruni-Sarkozy denied press reports that the French president pressured Hachette Filipacchi Medias to take legal action. Hachette Filipacchi is a subsidiary of the Lagardere group, which is headed by Sarkozy's good friend, Arnaud Lagardere.

That action "does not concern us at all," the first lady said. She also denied reports that a separate investigation ordered by the presidential Elysee Palace had been launched.

"I came here to ... avoid that this affair which has no importance takes on proportions that I find ridiculous," Bruni-Sarkozy told Europe 1. Since she and her husband have turned the page, she said with a nervous laugh, "I came simply to suggest that (you) turn it."

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VIEWPOINT

Perry the chameleon

Gov. Rick Perry’s a complicated guy — it seems he’s having trouble deciding who he is. Maybe it’s because the optimism of spring is in the air, or maybe it’s because he’s realizing the viability of his November opponent, Bill White, and the slowly changing culture of Texas politics. At any rate, he’s backed off the crazy, if only slightly.

In his initial response to the passage of health care reform, Perry joined other Republicans in taking a firm stance against threats of violence and coercion made to specific lawmakers, saying, “I don’t care which side of the debate you’re on. If these remarks are as caustic as they’ve been reported, they’re inappropriate,” according to the Austin American-Statesman. What’s unusual about a politician speaking out against violence? Nothing at all, except that comment preceded his next statement, that “there are things in that bill that are probably good, but the bad outweighs the good by a substantial margin.”

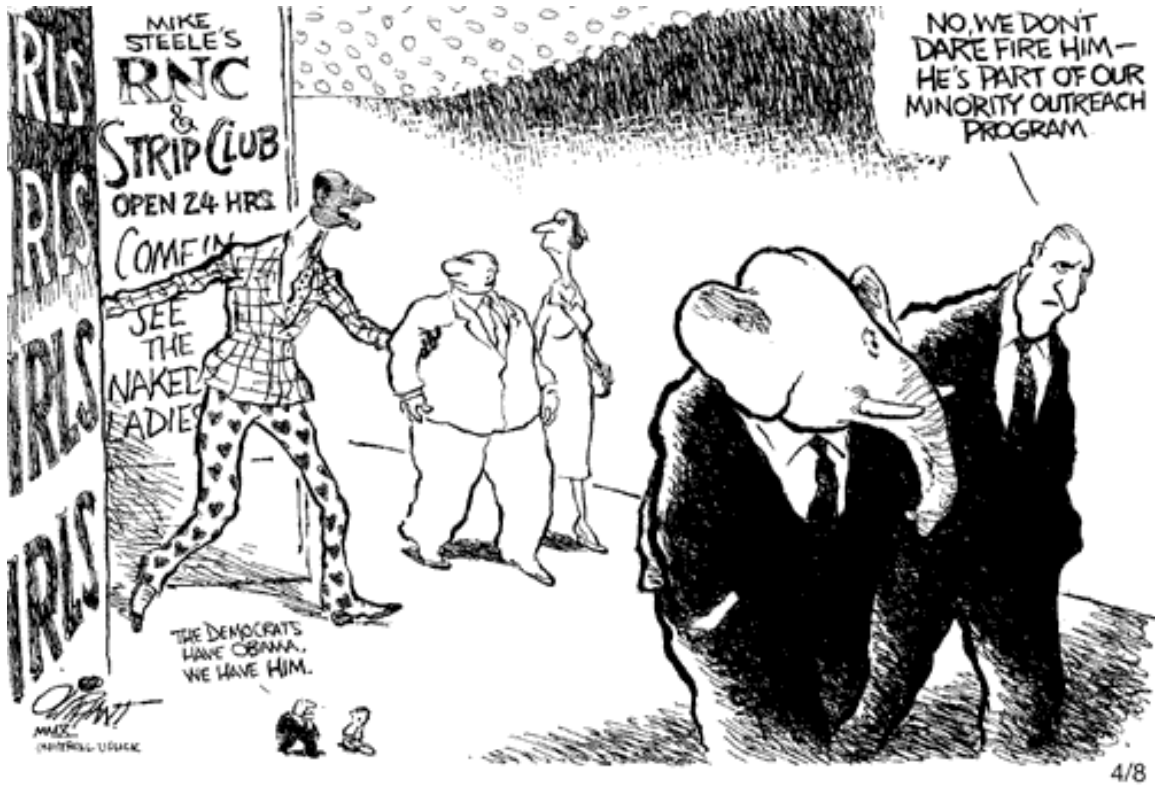
That’s right, the most vehemently outspoken gubernatorial critic of health care reform said there are things in the bill that are “probably good.” Of course, he followed it up the next week with a commentary reassuring his most conservative of supporters that he and Attorney General Greg Abbott are working hard to keep Texans from suffering the injustices of federal mandates intruding on their daily lives. But when fact-checking juggernaut *Politifact.com* gave Perry a “pants on fire” rating to his claim that “the number of uninsured people in Massachusetts is about the same as it was when the mandates were passed in 2006” (the number has decreased by 300,000 people), at least he was cognizant enough to submit a new commentary with the fabrication taken out.

And now Perry wants to take a (moderately) progressive step toward improving state-funded education, a topic he has to this point viewed with the rosiest of glasses. Presumably a low-key response to criticism surrounding Texas textbook standards and the costs associated with them, Perry told a crowd at a computer gaming education conference that he doesn’t “see any reason in the world why we need to have textbooks in Texas in the next four years,” according to the Statesman. Instead, Perry wants to explore the option of using entirely online textbooks as well as providing better access to computers for students because paper textbooks often quickly become irrelevant or out-of-date. He even acknowledged the need to address Texas’ increasing high school drop-out rate — though not to the extent his Democratic opponent Bill White stresses. In the mismatched quote of the year, the firebrand conservative governor answered critics by saying, “There’s obviously opposition [to switching to totally computerized material], but there’s always opposition to change,” according to the Statesman.

Without question, the past few weeks have shown a decidedly more reasonable side of Perry, at least publicly. So what exactly is he up to? Being a good politician, of course. During the race for the Republican primary nomination, Perry competed with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Tea Party candidate Debra Medina to capture the conservatives who make up the core of Republican support in the state. But Perry now finds himself having to change his tactics to appeal to the majority of Texas voters who see Bill White as the much more proactive and practical candidate. From Perry’s call for secession last year to his outlandish and hypocritical invoice to the federal government, to the State Board of Education’s inexplicable ability to embarrass the state and threaten education everywhere, Texans are getting tired of a largely reactionary government. Look for Perry to try to shed that skin in order to garner votes up until the November election.

— Jeremy Burchard for the editorial

GALLERY



Rethinking the word ‘queer’



By Dave Player
Daily Texan Columnist

There’s something about the word “queer” that’s a little, well, queer.

For decades, the word “queer” was used as a derogatory term for gay men. Yet in recent times, the word has been reappropriated by the GLBT community into a more positive term, similarly to how elements of the African-American community have reshaped the “N-word” from a racial slur into a cultural descriptor. For many, the term “queer” now carries a connotation of pride and self-identification.

As it’s currently employed, “queer” is used as a blanket-term to describe persons whose sexual or gender preferences deviate from the traditional heterosexual relationship. Those traditional gender preferences are in turn labeled as heteronormative.

Many within the GLBT community have willingly embraced the word. For example, the Queer Student Alliance is an agency of Student Government that coordinates with the various GLBT student organizations around campus. In a cultural subset that includes gays, lesbians, transsexuals, bisexuals, questioning and various other sexualities, an all-encompassing term such as “queer” is necessary when attempting to unify those elements for political purposes, such as rallying behind domestic partner benefits.

However well-intentioned its repurposing, “queer” may not be the most accurate term for GLBT or

questioning individuals. In reality, the term is much more inclusive. By definition, “queer” is synonymous with off-center or unaligned. In the context of sexuality, “queer” can easily apply to any sexual behavior that deviates from the norm, not just gender identity or preference.

A practitioner of exhibitionism is engaging in an activity that certainly does not fit the sexual norm for the vast majority of society. Yet, I doubt either the GLBT community or society at large would be quick to label an exhibitionist as “queer.”

The danger in using the word “queer” to define a set of gender preferences is that it in turn validates those other traditional relationships that are considered heteronormative. By accepting their lifestyle as an alternative one, GLBT groups are recognizing the normality of heterosexuality.

But that term poses the question, what exactly is “normative” sexuality? It certainly isn’t homosexual, bisexual or transgendered sexuality. Practitioners of bondage, furies, swingers, foot fetishes or the various other documented paraphilias may not have homosexual gender preferences, but those sexual dispositions would certainly not be considered “normative.” And by definition, if they are not normative, they must be queer.

Yet many, if not most, of those practices involve heterosexual interactions. It then reasons that straight individuals are just as susceptible to partaking in queer sexual practices as their non-straight peers. If heterosexual vaginal intercourse is the norm, then those who engage in oral or anal intercourse, even if it’s with a member of the opposite sex, must

also be considered queer.

Even vaginal intercourse is not universally normative. Popular women’s magazines often offer tips on sexual positions that require the flexibility of an Olympic gymnast and, while technically constituting vaginal penetration, certainly don’t fall within the range of “normal” sexual behavior.

Don’t think that “doggy style” qualifies as normal just because it is more commonly practiced. Otherwise, we’d call it “normal-person style.”

So what type of sexuality is left that still qualifies as normative? If we discount any practice that is even the slightest bit off-center, then the only remainder is good ol’ missionary sex, the kind that Archie and Betty have — but only after marriage of course. And even then, only between the hours of 8 p.m. and midnight, excluding Sundays, because sex in the middle of the day just wouldn’t be normal, would it?

Normality is a dangerous concept. It threatens to hold society to a central unobtainable standard that stifles creativity, self-expression and personality. In reality, there can be no objective normality outside an individual’s personal perspective. For the zoophile, the dominatrix or the bisexual, it is not themselves but rather society that is abnormal in its sexual tastes.

Besides, if you do reside in the median of sexuality, that 50th percentile where sex only takes the form of monotonous missionary, then that makes you somewhat abnormal.

Or maybe “queer” is a better word.

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A struggle against violence

By Dave Kalloor
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Four years old. My brother’s room. We gathered all of our Hotwheels and fought an all-out battle for hours. Crash! Bam! We showed no mercy as we rammed our cars into each other. That was one of my fondest memories as a child.

Once I turned 5, my brother developed a severe case of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This is when everything changed. “Crazy” became my parents’ word of choice to describe him. But they never thought that “crazy” would soon translate to abuse.

If I picked my nose, he would beat me. If I opened a doorknob with my bare hand, he would beat me. If I didn’t cross my arms while I sat, he would beat me. I would dread using the restroom before he woke up. If I couldn’t hold it in, I would have to sneak out of bed as quietly as possible. If he noticed, I got a beating once he woke up. His obsessions were like laws, and if I broke the law, I got punished. Sometimes, I would wonder what color my bruise would be after he hit me. Blue? Green? Maybe a mixture of the two.

I remember waking up in despair for many years. “God, please help me today. Please,” I would ask as I stared at the ceiling. Fear consumed me, and I became hyper-vigilant of my surroundings. I felt like a lone soldier in enemy territory. One wrong move and I could lose my life.

But I wasn’t the only one in pain at home. My father beat my brother, sometimes in retaliation. “Will you hit your brother anymore?” My father would yell in Malayalam as he beat my screaming brother. It was an endless cycle.

Ten years old. Our kitchen sink. While I poured milk in my cereal one morning, my eye was caught by the glimmer of a knife in the kitchen sink. I decided that I found the answer to my problems that morning. When he hit me that evening, I grabbed the black knife from the kitchen sink and charged at him. He ran to the nearest bathroom and locked the door. I was so happy in that moment. “I’m finally the one in charge! He is afraid of me for once,” I mused. I eventually put the knife down, but I’ll never forget that day.

If you’re wondering how I survived the brutality for so many years, I wonder the

same thing all the time. First, there were those transient things that made me happy, like Duck Tales coloring books, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles action figures and, most importantly, Popeye’s chicken. School was my savior, too. For eight hours, five days a week, I was free. More than anything, though, my mother was my savior. She embodied a warrior spirit and instilled in me the faith and capacity to endure any struggle.

Eighteen years old. Jester West, sixth floor. As an undergraduate at UT, I felt so much freedom, so much that it crippled me. I wasn’t used to making my own decisions every day. The psychological and emotional abuse I endured had a more significant impact than the physical abuse. I eventually saw a counselor at the Counseling and Mental Health Center and began a long and hard journey of healing that continues today. I also started volunteering for different organizations that addressed domestic violence, including Saheli and the Holden Domestic Violence Lab.

Was I terrified to tell you my story? Yes. But mine is only one of many survivors’ stories. Some told, most untold. I’ve stayed quiet for long enough. I have a voice, and it will be heard today. This is for me and for you. If one person feels validated after reading this, feels like they’re not alone, feels like their story needs to be heard too, then it was all worth it.

Twenty six years old. UT Graduate School of Social Work. Today, I wake up with a sense of mission against violence. I wake up to the fact that 1 in 5 women will survive a completed or attempted rape during her college years. I wake up to the fact that almost two-thirds of all rapes are committed by someone who is known to the survivor. I also wake up with the knowledge that persons with mental illness, such as my brother, are stigmatized and degraded in our society.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you’re looking for an opportunity to join the struggle against violence in its many forms, join us Saturday morning for the second annual Men’s Rally for Change: Marching for Safe Homes and Safe Streets. More information can be found at www.menrallyforchange.com.

Kalloor is a first-year graduate student in the School of Social Work.

THE FIRING LINE

Pride is driving factor in Cactus decision

I can not imagine a more inappropriate, spiteful and disrespectful last act than outgoing student body President Liam O’Rourke’s refusal to sign a resolution unanimously passed by the elected Student Government in support of the Cactus Cafe. His flimsy excuses for this act of revenge made it clear that he has unstated motives for opposing the clear wishes of the students at this University.

The decision to close the Cactus Cafe was a bad decision made in haste by the executive director of University Unions, Andy Smith, without appropriate input from the University community (students, faculty or staff). It is now clear that this closure is not about money (supporters of the cafe have agreed to close any deficit, and the revenues of the Cactus have now rebounded in any case). It is not about student wishes, as the student resolution makes clear, with or without O’Rourke’s signature. It is certainly not about faculty wishes, as UT faculty cherish the last element of the Texas Union that has any connection to the University’s academic mission. It is obviously not about community wishes, as the decision has infuriated the Austin music community and music lovers everywhere.

The only obstacles standing in the way of reversing this bad decision are the egos

of a few people who put personal pride above the best interests of the University. Given Andy Smith’s history of putting personal interests above the interests of the University community in directing the Texas Union, I find his role in this fiasco completely unsurprising. I am much more disappointed in the petty actions of O’Rourke. If a Faculty Council chair pulled a similar stunt, and put his or her personal ego above the clear wishes of the Faculty Council, he or she would be censured vigorously and immediately by the Faculty Council.

—David Hillis
Professor, integrative biology
Former chair, Faculty Council

Compensate student athletes

The question of compensation of collegiate athletes is a complicated one on which reasonable people can disagree. However, the April 5 column by Joshua Avelar entitled “Should colleges pay student athletes?” ignores some relevant information.

First, I would like to point out that to the majority of athletes in “money” sports (athletes who, but for their affiliation with the NCAA, would be paid for their services), a traditional college education is of little value. I would compare it to my being offered free training in the sport of my choice as compensation for my tuition at UT; while the athletic training does have inherent value for an athlete, it

doesn’t add value for me as a student of engineering.

Secondly, calling the NCAA an amateur organization is a misleading representation. Everyone involved in collegiate athletics is a professional, and draws very real professional salaries, except for the athletes themselves. This is the exploitation of amateur athletes via the effective monopoly the NCAA has (and in the case of the NBA, is actively enforced by age restrictions) on amateur sports.

Finally, Avelar implies that paying athletes would bankrupt UT athletics; on what assumptions this conclusion is based are not made clear, but let me just state that UT athletics turned a profit of nearly \$20 million last year, with a revenue of \$120 million. His plan to remedy the situation by allowing endorsement deals for athletes is also problematic in that Texas Athletics inks endorsement deals with corporations to sponsor athletic programs as a whole. Reconciling those contracts with endorsements of individual athletes is complicated and inefficient.

As it stands, players put their bodies and their livelihoods at risk every time they play for their schools. Coaches, athletic departments, local businesses, universities and television networks all benefit financially from their efforts. I don’t think it’s unreasonable to compensate the players themselves.

—Sumedh Joshi
Mechanical engineering graduate student

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Iraqi offers insight into conflict

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Iraq's developing democracy and the stability of its electoral process threaten the legitimacy of its neighbors' authoritarian regimes, an Iraqi television news director said Wednesday.

Kareem Hamadi, the news director of Iraqi television news station Al-Iraqiya, spoke to students at Sid Richardson Hall about issues surrounding Iraq and its neighbors in the context of a stabilizing government. The talk was sponsored by the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law. Eric Eyges, a Middle Eastern studies graduate student, translated Hamadi's words from Arabic into English.

Hamadi said Iraq's neighbors are afraid the country's developing democracy and the rule of constitutional law will threaten the structure of their dictatorships. The dictatorships include the authoritarian military-dominated regime of Syria, the rule of Prime Minister and King Abdullah Bin-Abd al-Aziz Al Saud in Saudi Arabia and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's control of Iran.

"We feel that these countries around Iraq fear our electoral process because they're obviously dictatorships based on lineage, and seeing something like a real democratic election environment scares them," he said.

Iraq is surrounded by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the east, the Syrian Arab Republic to the west and Saudi Arabia to the south. Because the support of dictatorial rule in these countries depends on a poor image of democracy and the United States, Iraq is undermining Iranian, Syrian and Saudi leaders, Hamadi said.

"Many of these countries fear that America is going to bring about forceful democratic change that has been brought about in Iraq," he said. "But the rulers of these countries' greatest fear is a popular democratic revolution because it's easier for these Arab dictators to criticize America, but it would be much more difficult to criticize a people's revolution in an Arab country."

When asked if Iraq will lose its new freedoms once U.S. forces leave the country, Hamadi said it isn't impossible, but he said there are ways to keep the democratic system in place.

"We could lose our democracy, but after each election, the democratic institutions become more stable and efficient," he said. "We've never had a constitution or a set of laws by which the country was governed. We've always had dictators



Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Iraqi journalist Kareem Hamadi listens to questions from students at a discussion held Wednesday at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Hamadi has done extensive work on the dominant issues in the relationship between the United States and Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

[who ruled] with small military groups, so we hope the constitution will become the basis for democracy in the country and that it will be something that leaders take to heart."

Ilana Weinberg, a producer with America Abroad Media, a nonprofit organization based in Washington that partners with media outlets in Middle Eastern countries, said the organization's fellowship program brings foreign journalists to the United States to produce a series of programs that the journalists then take home to air on

their networks.

Anna Cherkasova, a global policy studies graduate student, said she appreciated Hamadi's straightforward responses to questions and his unique perspective on the issues surrounding Iraq.

"I think quite often what we lack is a different perspective," Cherkasova said. "We tend to think other folks think the way we do and analyze things, so it's always helpful to actually talk to primary sources and to see where they're coming from."

CASE: Precedent supports UT policies

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U.S. Supreme Court, where Justice Sandra Day O'Connor upheld the school's affirmative action admission policy.

"The law school's narrowly tailored use of race in admissions decisions to further a compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body is not prohibited," O'Connor wrote in the opinion of the court.

After this case, UT added racial factors back to its admissions policy. The Grutter case proved to be the foundation for

the district judge's rejection of the Fisher case in August.

Ohlendorf said the University has not acted outside the precedent set by the ruling.

"The University believes that our admission policies are consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Grutter v. Bollinger," Ohlendorf said.

Blum, who also serves as director of the Project on Fair Representation — an organization that recruits plaintiffs who wish to challenge the courts in race-based public policy cases — said the project recruited the UT case because the University had been legally restricted from

reintroducing race preferences to the admissions process.

"My sense is that once you start to favor or disfavor people based on their skin color, their ethnicity, their religion or their gender, you are going down a slippery slope and that the best remedy for past racial discrimination is not new racial discrimination that favors the group that was once discriminated against but rather the elimination of all preferences, period," he said.

The Department of Justice's brief is one of nine that has been filed in support of the University in the case this year.

CACTUS: Radio station rallies for cafe

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Reid Nelson, an Austin attorney and co-founder of the nonprofit Friends of the Cactus Cafe, announced on Friday his decision to step away from discussions, citing the committee's direction.

Reagins-Lilly said the timing of the blog post came after consulting with the University's legal affairs office. The University is bound by various legal restrictions in what it can do with its buildings.

Portillo, who co-founded, along with Gillespie, the UT organization Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe — a group dedicated to maintaining the 31-year-old cafe in its current location and form — said that while he prefers the self-operating option, the blog post does not guarantee that the

current management will still be in charge of the cafe.

"The question is, who in the University will be operating the Cactus Cafe [if a self-operating model is decided upon]," he said. "We'd love to see this current model continue [and] work with current management to edify it."

Portillo, who first heard the announcement from Reagins-Lilly's presentation to the Student Government assembly Tuesday, said he does not recall the collaboration with KUT being discussed at the meetings.

Stewart Vanderwilt, KUT's director and general manager, said the pledge-driven radio station was the one that reached out to University administrators when the decision to close the cafe was announced in late January.

Vanderwilt said KUT and the Cactus Cafe have a history of working together, including a decade-long span when KUT broadcasted weekly recordings of live shows at the cafe on their station.

"The role we might play is to help continue the programming that has been identified with the Cactus and its traditional role," he said. "We certainly think that there's some alignment [with our programming] and would be happy to play a role if that's what's desired, and we can make it a sustainable offering."

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Services, as well as Mindful Eating Program, To Write Love on Her Arms and the UT Conflict Resolution Center.

Organizations set up tables outside the FAC with information, snacks, stress balls and hand-held back massagers for students to collect as they passed. In addition, the Counseling and Mental Health Center provided a relaxation deck where students could receive brief massages or sit in relaxation chairs while listening to MP3 players. The event typically has 1,500 to 2,000 students pass by.

"We want to let students know about all the different resources that are available to them," said Lauren Ebady, a Counseling and Mental Health Center outreach coordinator and licensed staff psychologist. "UT is such a big place, so we like to have [these resources] all together where students can get a sense of different things they can be doing to manage their stress."

One of the many organizations in attendance was Nutrition Peer Educators with UHS, which helps educate students about proper eating habits.

"We are trying to prevent people from turning to food when they're stressed out,"

said Jackie Ayoub, a nutrition junior and member of Nutrition Peer Educators. "Instead of going to get that Blue Bell Ice Cream, maybe they'll exercise or take a break or go to the movies with friends."

Some students said they have noticed the negative effects that stress from school can cause.

"I've seen people get really worn out trying to pull all-nighters," said Liz Peters, a first-year pharmacy student. "They're a little frazzled and quicker to snap [at you]."

Many students said they have found that exercise helps them to relieve their stress.

"I used to be really bad with oversteering and not focusing on one thing at a time," said undeclared freshman Karen Guillermetty. "[To relieve stress], I go for a run. Running really helps me out and clears my head."

As finals week looms, it is particularly important for students to understand how essential it is to manage their stress properly.

"It can be such a pressure cooker, being in school with all the academic pressures and the other pressures students are under," Ebady said. "This is a way to help students take a moment to give themselves a break. They'll learn things here that they can take with them."

DRAG: Taco Bell extends hours in Union after rise in demand

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all these years, so I don't think [Whataburger] will affect anything at Dirty Martin's," Nemir said. "We're a different operation than Whataburger, and personally, I think people who have tried our food will like it better than Whataburger's."

The Taco Bell in the Tex-

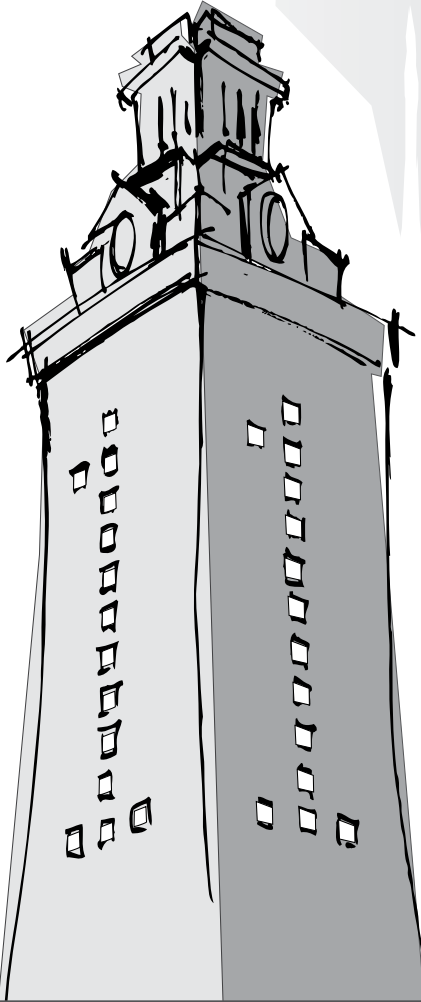
as Union extended its weekday hours on March 29 in response to customer demand and the closure of the Guadalupe Street location. It will now be open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Fridays.

There currently are no plans to open another Whataburger on or around campus, Qureshi said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Virginia governor apologizes for omission of slavery in statement

RICHMOND, Va. — Gov. Bob McDonnell has conceded a “major omission” for not noting slavery in declaring April Confederate History Month in Virginia.

As part of his mea culpa, McDonnell inserted into the proclamation a paragraph condemning slavery as “evil and inhumane” and blaming it as the cause of the Civil War.

In a statement issued by his office, McDonnell said the failure to include a slavery reference was a mistake and apologized to any Virginian who might have been offended or disappointed.

Alleged shooting victim testifies against Texas singer-songwriter

WACO — A man allegedly shot by Billy Joe Shaver outside a Waco-area bar in 2007 has testified in the aggravated assault trial of the Texas country singer-songwriter.

Shaver’s accused of shooting Billy Bryant Coker in the face outside the bar in Lorena. On Wednesday, Coker told the jury in Waco that Shaver tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outside. He said that when they reached the parking lot, Shaver asked, “Where do you want it?” Coker said he replied, “Where do I want what?” That’s when Coker says Shaver shot him in the cheek.

Under defense questioning, Coker said he noticed no tension between him and Shaver, but Shaver seemed “annoyed” that Coker stirred his drink with his knife.

Jury indicts East Texas man for illegal possession of pipe bomb

DALLAS — A federal grand jury has indicted a 52-year-old east Texas man, accusing him of allegedly possessing a pipe bomb unlawfully.

Larry Gene North of Henderson is held in the Smith County Jail in Tyler without bond on a federal retainer Wednesday night. The indictment filed in federal court on Wednesday accuses North of possessing a pipe bomb unlawfully on or about March 23.

Authorities say that at least 16 explosive devices or lookalikes have been found in east Texas mailboxes. None has detonated and no injuries have been reported.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

Health forum spotlights career options

‘Disease detectives’ expose risks of certain viruses; provide information to students about health field

By Audria Choudhury
Daily Texan Staff

Public health speakers and representatives filled the Texas Union Ballroom on Wednesday to attract potential “disease detectives” by exposing high school and college students to the wide variety of careers in public health.

The “Become a Disease Detective: Discover Public” event brought together various organizations that offer public health resources to

raise awareness about the many health issues around the world and what people can do to help treatment and prevention.

Leanne Field, School of Biological Sciences senior lecturer, said she came up with the idea for the forum after attending a conference held by the Institute of Medicine on disease in 2002, where the main concern was the declining public health workforce.

“I got up to the open mic and told [the panel of experts], ‘It’s because you’re not telling college students about public health.’” Field said. “After that, I made up my mind to make a difference.”

A broad subject, public health focuses on a large population rather than a single patient, Field said. This includes researching infectious and communicable diseases, such as malaria and the H1N1 virus.

“Disease detectives” refer to epidemiologists who investigate the source, patterns and treatment of diseases, said

Dennis Perrotta, a former Texas State epidemiologist.

“It’s like Sherlock Holmes — we find out the who, what, when, where and how for communicable diseases,” Perrotta said. “We follow clues about why [diseases] happen to some people and not others, ideas to control and prevent them in the future.”

Field and Diane Kneeland, program coordinator of the College of Natural Sciences, have

organized the “disease detectives” conferences since 2003. Though modest at first, the event has grown to include more attractions each year. This is the first year with a large central activity center with games such as Public Health Jeopardy.

The theme of this year’s conference is global disease eradication, featuring D. A. Henderson, author of “Smallpox — The Death of a Disease.” Henderson led the World Health Organization’s effort to eliminate the deadly virus in the 1970s. With the multinational cooperation, the program succeeded in just more than 10 years, making smallpox the world’s only disease to be fully eradicated.

Henderson said that though the effort took more time than expected, he was confident it could be done.

“A lot of young people [involved in the program] didn’t know it could be done, but [others involved] said, ‘Yes, we can.’” he said. “It is the greatest triumph in scientific history.”



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

D. A. Henderson, author of “Smallpox — The Death of a Disease,” speaks to students interested in a career in global health at the Union Ballroom on Wednesday.

Conference confronts climate issues

By Karishma Hossain
Daily Texan Staff

Experts from the University, Canada, Japan and the private sector are bridging the gap this week between the scientific and public understanding of various local and global climate-related issues.

The LBJ School of Public Affairs is hosting a global climate forum to examine policy, political action and research and teaching opportunities for climate control. The conference, which began Tuesday and ends Friday in the Bass Lecture Hall, is open to students and faculty.

“The purpose of this conference is to bring nations of the world together to discuss climate change,” said David Eaton, a natural resource policy expert and public affairs professor. “It seems as though they will never be on the same page, and so it is up to individuals, governments and politicians to work together to mitigate greenhouse gases.”

The conference features experts from multiple University departments and includes international perspectives with participants arriving from Canada’s University of Lethbridge, members of the Canadian consulate and professors from Hiroshima University in Japan.

These experts identify and evaluate public policy options for effective and timely action on climate-related threats and opportunities. Topics include climate modeling, impacts on ecological sys-



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UT chemical engineering professor Gary Rochelle speaks during a weeklong event held at the LBJ School of Public Affairs on climate change.

tems, implications for law and policy and upcoming interdisciplinary funding opportunities in climate-change research.

“Each session discusses interesting results, but each one is about teaching practical lessons,” Eaton said. “In each session attendees can learn from those that were engaged in current practice or scientific research.”

Today there will be a session about the earth’s oceans, econom-

ic incentives to solve the issue of global warming and a discussion between local stakeholders coming together to solve water issues.

“Climate change is an issue that has captured a lot of public interest, but there is always room for better information,” Eaton said. “A conference like this is focused on presenting better information, factual information and value judgments.”

Students from several areas of study are attending the conference

to gain more information and take action themselves.

“The issue is being discussed by politicians, but not in a way that makes it matter,” said Joseph Washington, a business honors and Plan II freshman. “But students can make [a] difference by simply walking, biking, carpooling, eating less meat, using more natural light to study and basically just living more healthily and saving money.”

UPS set to release hybrid delivery trucks in Austin

By Priscilla Pelli
Daily Texan Staff

With businesses finding ways to become more environmentally friendly, UPS has joined the trend with its plans to release 200 hybrid delivery trucks throughout Austin and seven other cities across the nation.

Bob Stoffel, UPS senior vice president of supply chain, strategy, engineering and sustainability, announced the company’s deployment of hybrid delivery trucks on Monday. This was done in order to reduce fuel consumption and the release of emissions.

The deployment of low-emission and alternate-fuel vehicles is anticipated to yield 35-percent fuel savings, which is the equivalent of 100 conventional UPS delivery trucks. This hybrid technology will also reduce fuel consumption by 176,000 gallons over the course of a year.

Austin is expected to receive 30 hybrid delivery trucks by the end of April or beginning of May. The hybrids are anticipated to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide gases released annually in the atmosphere by 1,786 metric tons per year.

The cities were chosen based on criteria from a conducted route analysis that determined which cities needed to reduce their fuel emissions and which cities required the most additional vehicles, UPS spokeswoman Elizabeth Rasberry said.

“It’s sort of a due-diligence

motto in where we put vehicles,” Rasberry said. “It’s not just, ‘Let’s buy a bunch of hybrid vehicles and put them on different routes.’ That’s not being responsible. It’s about making sure we’re making [the] most responsible decisions, which is more than just buying the trucks but also finding places where they will be the most useful and save the most money.”

ABC Home and Commercial Services, a lawn-care and landscaping company, is another Austin business that has chosen to purchase hybrid delivery vehicles, following the trend of companies switching to clean energy to become more ecologically friendly and cost efficient.

Donya White, spokeswoman for the Austin Chamber of Commerce, said Austin has experienced a growing trend in companies creating different forms of green technologies, including solar- and wind-powered technologies and minuscule technologies that are currently in the prototype stages of development.

“Austin has been consistently ranked as one of the greenest cities,” White said. “The chamber itself sees green technology as a growing industry, and we have a targeted industry sector for green technology because it’s such an exciting and changing industry. We definitely see a trend not only here but in central Texas and around the world.”

Researcher focuses on effects of death penalty

By Karishma Hossain
Daily Texan Staff

Aside from personal accounts and opinions, little is known about how the death penalty impacts healing in the aftermath of murder, an associate social work professor said Wednesday.

Marilyn Armour presented the status of her pilot study, which began one year ago when she wanted to learn more about capital punishment from a new perspective — that of the victim’s family. The study examines the experiences of victims’ family members in capital cases. The research also compares the different effects

of the death penalty in Texas and life without the possibility of parole in Minnesota have on survivors’ well-being. Armour said she chose Minnesota because she had access to families of victims there.

Armour said the research is not yet complete, and the team has no definitive findings but expects to have them within the next year.

“I think all that can be said is that this is the first time this topic has been systematically examined from the perspective of the survivor’s voice over time and comparatively between two states,” she said. “Whatever information comes from it will help address

the reliability of the assertion that the ultimate penal sanction, including the death penalty, brings closure.”

Government freshman Nikesh Patel was among the 50 students who attended the lecture.

“I believe that the death penalty serves as retribution for murder but does not serve justice or make up for the crime,” Patel said. “It may or may not give closure to the family of the murdered victim, but the ‘eye for an eye’ mentality does not resolve the underlying problem. The victims — the family and loved ones — are still missing a beloved [family] member.”

Armour is the director of the Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue at the School of Social Work. Her research specialties include survivors of homicide victims, restorative justice interventions and meaning-making in response to traumatic loss.

She is the author of “The Ultimate Penal Sanction” and “Closure for Survivors of Homicide Victims,” which appeared in the Federal Sentencing Reporter and the Marquette Law Review. Along with Mark Umbriet, she co-authored the forthcoming book “Restorative Justice Dialogue: An Essential Guide for Research and Practice.”



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Marilyn Armour, director of the Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue at the School of Social Work, discusses the healing effects that the death penalty can have on survivors of victims.

MEN'S TENNIS
TEXAS 6, TULSA 1

Freshman wins first 'meaningful match'

Austin native shines in doubles match at home against Tulsa

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

For freshman Chris Camillone, his first meaningful match of the season could not have been more exciting.

The doubles point had come down to the third spot, where Camillone and teammate Jean Andersen were facing Tulsa's Marcelo Arevalo and Marko Ballok.

The Tulsa duo had two match points on Camillone's serve up 7-6, but both times, Camillone came through with clutch serves. In the end, the Longhorn duo found a way to pull out the match 9-7 and clinch the doubles point for their team, en route to a 6-1 win for No. 5 Texas over No. 31 Tulsa.

"It was definitely nerve-racking, but after a while I settled in," Camillone said. "It was interesting that I was going to be playing for the doubles point in my first real match. It was fun to be out



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Chris Camillone prepares to return a volley against Tulsa during Texas' 6-1 win Wednesday. Camillone, an Austin native, came through in the clutch during doubles play to help earn a point for the Longhorns.

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BASEBALL
TEXAS 6, TAMU-CC 2

Pitching, hitting helps Texas drown Islanders

By Austin Ries
Daily Texan Staff

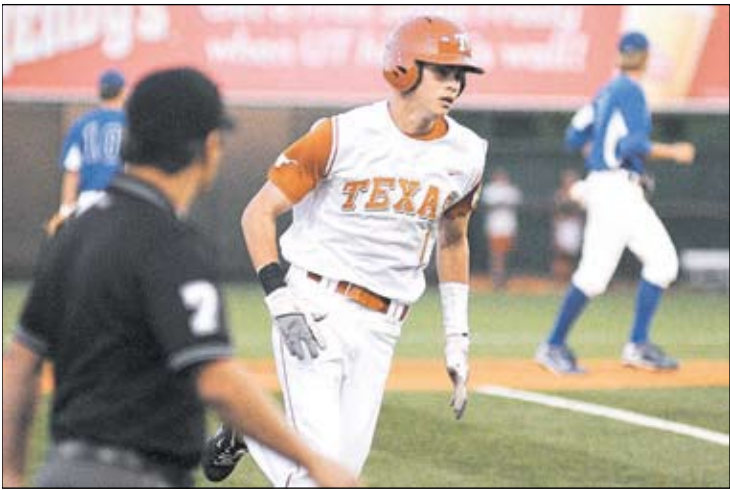
While Tuesday's game was an offensive showcase for Texas with 16 runs on a season-high 17 hits, Wednesday's game was more of an all-around performance.

The Longhorns took control from the mound and, with productive at-bats as pitchers, breezed through Islander batters in Texas' 6-2 win to sweep the two-game series.

"We are continuing to grow offensively, and tonight was one of our best, from the standpoint of making productive outs," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "We got bunts down, stole bases, got two-out hits and two-strike hits. They are finally buying into making adjustments and playing under control."

Unlike Tuesday night, Texas

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Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Cohl Walla rounds the bases after hitting his third home run of the season in Texas' win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Wednesday.

SOFTBALL
TEXAS A&M 1, TEXAS 0

Horns loses to A&M in walk-off

By Matt Hohner
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns have had their hearts broken before, but last night's 1-0 loss to No. 20 Texas A&M might be the toughest game to put behind them.

The Aggies snapped Texas' eight-game winning streak in walk-off fashion.

The game looked like it was going to go into extra innings when Blaire Luna gave up a

one-out walk to Aggie short-stop Macie Morrow, putting Texas A&M on first.

In an aggressive base-running move, Morrow stole second base, but catcher Amy Hooks made an errant throw to second, causing Morrow to advance to third base.

With two outs, second baseman Melissa Dumezich connected to bring in the only run of the game, scoring Morrow

from third.

Luna dominated the entire game, tallying 12 strikeouts and two hits, but failed to find that third out to send it into extra innings.

"Luna pitched well enough for a win," head coach Connie Clark said.

Both Luna and A&M pitcher Rebecca Arbino had no-hitters

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Heavyweights face off in quarterfinals

By Manesh Upadhyaya
Daily Texan Staff

Tuesday's UEFA Champions League quarterfinals saw two of Europe's heavyweights progress to the semis, two games that will include some familiar faces in new uniforms.

Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic comes up against his former team, Internazionale Milano, led by manager José Mourinho. It will be the second time the Swedish international faces Inter in this Champions League campaign.

The two teams were drawn against each other in the group stages, with Barcelona dominating over the two legs. The first was a 0-0 draw in Milan and the second was a 2-0 win for the Blaugrana.

Ibrahimovic kept quiet at Inter's San Siro while the crowd giving him a hostile reception. He was an unused substitute at the Nou Camp.

The result of Ibrahimovic's summer transfer to Spain meant Barca front man Samuel Eto'o went in the opposite direction.

Achieving Champions League winner's medals in 2006 and 2009 with his former club, the Cameroon striker told *UEFA.com* that he felt strange playing against his old friends for the first time.

"Playing against my old teammates was bizarre at first because I was with them for a long time," Eto'o said. "But I guess it's normal to feel that way initially. After three or four minutes I was fine, though, and fully focused on the match, which was

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TEXAS RELAYS 2010

Relays provide chance to impress college scouts

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff

For Texas and other student athletes, the Texas Relays have a negligible impact on their athletic fate. Although the meet is a big one, it has little effect on the outcome of the college season, and much time is left before All-American honors and championships are doled out. So instead of head-pounding pressure, the four-day event was a chance for collegians to exhibit their prodigious talent in front of an admiring crowd of 21,000.

Sounds like fun, right?

But the Texas Relays aren't only for first-rate college athletes. The event is also one of the nation's biggest high school meets. Many of these high school competitors are trying to earn positions on a college roster. So for them, the Texas Relays are a chance to prove that they belong on the next level. With so much weighing on the meet, there are some mixed emotions, and "fun" isn't always the most

fitting description.

"It's really intimidating," Georgetown High School senior Ashlin Snyder said. "There's a lot of college scouts here, so you have to prove that you are fast enough."

Snyder, a 4x400-meter and 4x100-meter relay runner, hopes to join Texas' ranks. Because of this goal, the meet is crucial. Unlike the college athletes who have already earned a spot in an elite program, Snyder's performance held the potential to determine her athletic future.

The reason for this anxiety is the reason why the meet is so important.

"I find it cool, even though I have those nerves," Westbury High School senior Christy Udoh said. "I want to show that I'm the next generation for this school. I want to give them a taste of how it is."

Udoh, the state's top 200-meter runner and 2010 recruit, is

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Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Stacey-Ann Smith runs with the baton for Texas in the 4-by-400-meter relay on Saturday at Texas Relays. The meet provides hopeful high school athletes a chance to impress college scouts.

SOCCER: Barcelona's Messi scores four goals against Arsenal

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tricky because we were up against the best team in Europe."

Arguably the best team in Europe, Barcelona employs arguably the best player in Europe, if not the world.

Lionel Messi, dubbed by Eto'o as the "[Diego] Maradona of his day," is definitely living up to standards.

The 2009 FIFA World Player of the Year is the leading goal scorer in La Liga (26) and the Champions League (8) with 35 in all competitions. He was a one-man wrecking crew in the quarterfinal second leg as he demolished Arsenal's hopes of progression, scoring four goals.

Barca is not the only team with a top-rated striker. Inter's Diego Milito has been in terrific form in his first season with the Nerazzurri. He is second in goal-scoring in Serie A with 18, though he hasn't performed with the same ruthlessness in front of the goal in European competition, scoring only three.

Milito has strong ties to the Spanish club as his younger brother, Gabriel Milito, is a center back for Barca.

Gabriel Milito was standing in for suspended captain Carles Puyol against Arsenal. He has largely been

a squad player this season, starting only nine games, with manager Pep Guardiola preferring Gerard Pique as Puyol's defensive partner.

Both teams have solid defenses. The two have conceded only seven goals each in the competition, Barca letting in three of them in the quarterfinals alone.

Mourinho told BBC Sport he is full of confidence going into the next round, despite facing the defending European champions.

"They will have the advantage of playing the return at the Nou Camp, but we know how to treat the two matches," Mourinho said. "It's five consecutive victories in the Champions League now; we are deservedly and comfortably through to the semifinals. We can talk of a total change in Inter's history in the Champions League."

Inter have won the tournament on two occasions (1964, 1965) and are playing in their first semifinal since 2003.

Their opponents have won the trophy three times: 1992, 2006 and last season. Barcelona aims to be the first team to successfully defend its European crown. Manchester United almost achieved the feat last season, but goals from Eto'o and Messi spoiled the Red Devils' party.



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Austin Dicharry throws a pitch against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi during Texas' 6-2 win over the Islanders on Wednesday. Dicharry entered the game with a 4.24 ERA, but didn't give up one run in four innings.

WIN: Texas sweeps mid-week series

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got on the board first in the bottom of the second without a hit. Kevin Keyes reached first on an error from Islander shortstop Cory Ege. Jonathan Walsh then bunted him to second before Keyes stole third for his sixth stolen base of the season. Kevin Lusson finally drove him home on a groundout to short.

The Horns extended their lead in the third with a one-out solo home run from Texas left fielder Cohl Walla into the Islanders' bullpen.

"Our offense is coming around, and we are taking better at-bats and playing more complete games," Walla said. "I'm seeing it well and doing a good job of taking off speed pitches."

The Horns added another run

in the fifth when Lusson singled to right, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt from Connor Rowe, took third on a wild pitch and then scored on a safety squeeze bunt from second baseman Jordan Etier.

Austin Dicharry started on the mound for Texas and entered the game winless with a 4.24 ERA. The sophomore pitched four scoreless innings on three hits and three strikeouts.

"It was my mental approach today. I went at them and challenged them more," Dicharry said. "We, as a pitching staff, try to feed off everyone, and it's kind of a competition to do well."

Even with Dicharry's best outing of the season, he still didn't get the win. That belonged to reliever Kendal Carrillo, who entered in the fifth

inning and completely dominated the strike zone, getting three groundouts, a fly out and two strikeouts for his second win in two days.

"Every once in a while, baseball throws us a bone, and this two-game series has been good for him," Garrido said.

Texas struck again in the seventh, capitalizing on another Islander error. After catcher Roman Madrid caught Kevin Lusson stealing, Connor Rowe reached third on a misplayed ball by right fielder Matt Holland. Jordan Etier then drove him in with a two-out double off the right-field wall.

Cohl Walla, who finished 2-for-5 on the night, followed with a single up the middle to plate Etier before Rupp grounded out to third to leave the

bases loaded.

The Islanders scattered nine hits but managed to only get two runners to second base on a pair of doubles before the ninth inning. After striking out the lead-off batter, reliever Stayton Thomas gave up two runs on two singles and a walk to lose the shut-out before striking out Roman Madrid to end the game.

"Its how you respond to adversity and setbacks that makes the difference," Garrido said.

Texas added another run in the bottom of the eighth when Lusson drove in older brother Kyle Lusson on a sacrifice fly.

"Later in the game, I was trying to get the ball in the air and put it in play," Lusson said. "You have to take what the defense gives you, and if you put the ball in play, there will be mistakes."



Sergey Ponomarev | Associated Press

Inter's Samuel Eto'o fights for the ball with CSKA's Chidi Odiah during a Champions League quarterfinal second leg match on Tuesday. Eto'o called Messi the "Maradona of his day."

RELAYS: Meet intimidates, excites

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a Texas signee. For her, the meet was a perfect chance to show head coach Beverly Kearney and others what the future of Texas track holds.

In addition to being seen, the relays were also a place for high school hopefuls to see what

they're up against if they intend to make the college leap.

"It can be difficult. It's exciting in one state but disappointing in another because of the numbers they have to make," Joy Jackson said. "So for her, it's a little indifferent."

Jackson, whose daughter is hoping to walk on at TCU, explained how the meet could be bittersweet. On one hand, high school athletes get to witness the excellence of college competition. On the other hand, the reality of this competition can be daunting.

"It's got to be exciting, but it's also scary for them," head coach Jerry Killen of Pearland Dawson High School said regarding his team's thoughts about the meet. "I tell them, 'Hopefully, we'll come and run the best race we run all year.'"

Still, despite the wide range of emotions, nobody questioned the excitement that the relays bring. Intimidation aside, Snyder called the race her favorite.

After all, in the words of Killen, "it's the best meet in the nation."

TENNIS: Andersen, Horns dominate singles play

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there, and playing with Jean helped me a lot. I feel like it was little sloppy at times, but I'll steal a win anytime."

ITA No. 18 Ed Corrie and Kellen Damico pulled through in their doubles match 8-3 to give Camillone and Andersen the chance at winning the point after Texas's No. 6 duo Dimitar Kutrovsky and Josh Zavala suffered a surprising 8-3 defeat to No. 30 Philip Stephens and Ashley Watling.

Texas head coach Michael Center was relieved that his team grabbed the point.

"The doubles point was a tough one to win," he said. "We hung in there and got through the point, but it could have gone either way."

The singles session wasn't nearly as contested.

Vasko Mladenov rolled to a 6-1, 6-3 win at the sixth spot

while No. 18 Ed Corrie pulled out a comfortable 6-2, 6-3 win over No. 50 Watling. After a tense, heated first-set tiebreaker, No. 10 Kutrovsky rolled through the second set in his 7-6, 6-3 win over Arevalo.

Andersen took care of business in the singles as well as he cruised to a 6-2, 7-6 victory over Alastair Barnes. Josh "Bullet" Zavala has been incredible for the Horns recently as he picked up his 14th consecutive singles win at the fifth spot, this time a 6-4, 7-6 win over Hurricane Grant Ives.

"We had great starts in singles, and that set the tone for the rest of the match," Center said. "It's a nice win, but we need to keep getting better."

Next up for Texas is a huge matchup at No. 9 Baylor on Saturday that may determine this year's Big 12 winner.

LOSS: Luna loses despite 12-strikeout showing

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heading into the sixth inning.

Courtney Craig doubled to put herself in scoring position in the top of the sixth, but Texas failed to bring her in, leaving her stranded on base to end the inning.

The Longhorns also threatened in the fifth when third baseman Nadia Taylor reached on a lead-off hit-by-pitch and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Designated player Tallie Thrasher followed with a scorching line drive to left centerfield, but a diving catch by Kelsey Spittler allowed the Aggies to double-off Taylor and end the frame.

While Luna was unhittable with 12 strikeouts, Arbino was able to get Texas to hit into easy outs.

"We hit the ball right at people," Clark said. "After the game, we were discussing how cruel the game can be. The game is the game. Both teams played extremely well, on paper or gametracker.



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Courtney Craig gave Texas its best chance to score with a double in the sixth but was left stranded on base.

The game doesn't do it justice."

This isn't the first time the Longhorns have had their hearts broken in the last inning, Texas also lost a walk-off game at the hands of Texas State, but Clark knows her team did all it could to

try and come out on top.

"Sometimes the losses hurt more when you're not capable of doing things you know you're very capable of doing," Clark said. "We just didn't find the gap today."

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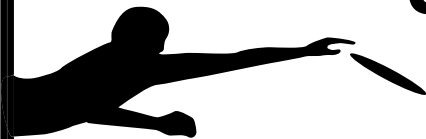
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Group disputes costs of Austin Energy proposal

By Gabrielle Cloudy
Daily Texan Staff

A local citizen group is disputing Austin Energy's projected cost of being an "environmentally friendly city."

Austinites For Action, a nonprofit organization devoted to increasing community awareness of large-scale issues, held a press conference to inform the public about Austin Energy's new "Climate Protection Plan" and released its independent analysis of the plan.

The plan is based on possible federal requirements that will tax coal and other plants for the amount of greenhouse gases they emit.

The group is claiming that residential electricity rates may increase by about 57 percent and cost the city more than \$5 billion by 2020. Austin Energy estimates the project will only raise rates 22 percent and cost \$2.6 billion.

Dominic Chavez, AFA member and former president of the Castlewood-Oak Valley Neigh-

borhood Association, said the nonprofit aims to get more community input and has asked City Council, who will vote on the plan Thursday, to allow a citywide vote regarding the plan.

"The overall bill the community gets is going to be pretty significant," Chavez said. "We need to have a debate to take [this plan] before the voters and let them decide if this is something they can afford."

City officials said the group is incorrectly factoring inflation into their estimate.

"Certainly, inflation can be a factor for any business moving forward," Austin Energy spokesman Ed Clark said. "But there are two key issues. Our base electric rates haven't changed since '94; we've been absorbing inflation. Another thing is, this plan is designed to meet goals set by the Austin City Council to allow us to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the amount of new generation we have

to build."

Clark also said the plan is a hedge against federal requirements coming from the Environmental Protection Agency and through legislation that will apply to coal and other power plants.

While he understands Austin Energy's arguments for the plan, Chavez said there are many hidden factors not being addressed.

"That 57 percent is just the rate increase for the plan," he said.

In November, Roger Duncan, Austin Energy general manager, announced that the utility could possibly face a \$9.1 million deficit in less than two years, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"They are also addressing this plan on legislation that isn't going anywhere," Chavez said. "Some of the senior leadership in Congress said there's not enough support for that legislation. We can't make a community decision on something so fundamentally impacting if we have no idea



Chris Kosho | Daily Texan Staff

Dominic Chavez, a member of Austinites For Action, speaks to the press on Wednesday to raise awareness about City Hall's proposed energy plan that would increase utility rates for Austin residents.

if and when [the legislation] will occur and what it will look like in its final stage."

For the past year and a half, Austin Energy has been open and welcoming of citizens' input and still wants to receive public feedback, Clark said. Even after

the plan is voted on at the end of April by City Council, Austin Energy will re-post the plan on its Web site to allow citizens to re-familiarize themselves with it. "The City Council isn't just saying, 'Go through with the plan,'" Clark said. "They want a com-

plete re-analysis of every project in the plan to make sure it's affordable. We have to give time for the community to hear about it. We want to make sure we are running the utility in a way that keeps rates competitive and reasonable."

UT law professor in runoff for District Court



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

UT adjunct law professor Karen Sage campaigns on the West Mall with University Democrats on Wednesday. Sage is currently in a runoff with Mindy Montford for judge of the 299th Criminal District Court.

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

An adjunct law professor has five days until voters decide the outcome of her runoff in the Travis County Democratic primary for 299th District Court judge.

If law professor Karen Sage wins the bench over Austin lawyer Mindy Montford, she will join other UT professors who have left higher education to serve in office, including former public policy professor Bill Spelman, who is currently an Austin City Council member.

Sage was born and raised in Minnesota and received her undergraduate degree in 1988 and her law degree in 1991 from the University of Minnesota.

In 2005 her family moved to Austin. Last year, she was assigned the

new position of mental-health prosecutor at the Travis County District Attorney's Office. She has taught ethics of criminal law at the University since 2009.

Sage said she originally wanted to run for the 147th District Court, a criminal felony court, but switched and ran for the 299th District Court, a criminal felony court with jurisdiction over Travis County, after current Judge Charlie Baird said he would not seek re-election.

"Charlie Baird had a parenting class; he had anger management classes, job fairs. It was all about giving defendants the tools that they need to be successful," she said. "That's really why I decided to run for his bench — because that's what I had been talking about. That was my vision, and I want to con-

tinue to [create] those innovative solutions."

The concept of justice has played a predominant role in Sage's campaign, and Sage said she defines justice as a search for truth and treating everyone equally under the law.

"It mostly comes down to finding the truth, and once you find that truth, you need to find a solution that will benefit everybody involved — the community, the victims, the defendant — to stop them from re-committing crimes," she said. "If you can do that, the justice is done."

Sage has two children, Abigail, 10, and Harry, 9. Her husband, William Sage, is executive vice president and provost at the UT School of Law.

William Sage said Karen has wanted to serve in criminal justice

her entire life.

"It's in her blood; her dad was a small-town policeman in Minnesota," he said. "So this really would be exactly the goal that she has always set for herself of public service around criminal law."

John Lawler, a member of University Democrats, said Sage had appeared every week at UDeMs meetings and had reached out to students more than any other candidate.

"From the very get-go, Karen has been one of those people who has appeared week after week," Lawler said. "Speaking advantageously, it would be a positive for students to have [someone presiding over their case] that takes the time to listen. To go out to the community and try to get on the level — that's novel."

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i mean... they are way down there.

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EARLIER, TWO GIRLS WERE TUMBLING AUDIBLY ON THE STREET. I STOOD BY MY WINDOW TO WATCH. THE BLONDE ONE YELLED TO THE BRUNETTE (OR WAS SHE A REDHEAD? IT IS HARD TO TELL AT NIGHT) THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO LOVE ANYONE. THE BRUNETTE YELLED BACK A LIST OF GRIEVANCES. I STAYED TUNED TO THIS THEATER OF HEARTBREAK UNTIL ITS CONCLUSION. THE TWO LOVERS COLLAPSED INTO EACH OTHER'S EMBRACE CRYING FORGIVENESS.

TWENTY MORE MINUTES PASS, AND I AM STILL RESTLESS. THEN I REMEMBER SOMETHING MY DAD GAVE ME BEFORE I HEADED OUT TO COLLEGE. HE SAID, SOMETIMES I WOULD BE STRESSED WITHOUT KNOWING IT AND THAT AT THOSE TIMES I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP OR ENJOY WHAT I USED TO ENJOY. AT THOSE TIMES, THIS ITEM WOULD COME IN HANDY. I REACH BELOW MY BED AND SMILE AT THE SIGHT OF IT.

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The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**

1 Proceed without notes, say

6 How kids grow up, it's often said

13 Soviet space dog

14 "One who dislikes unruly hair"

15 Spy satellite's acquisition

16 Bygone emporium

17 ___ position

18 Housewares brand

19 Felipe Calderón's land: Abbr.

20 Night class subj.

21 "Alternative way to get directions?"

26 Heroic verse

28 Artist's portfolio

32 "Molly ___" popular Irish song
- 34 "Better, in hip-hop slang?"

35 Spanish waves

36 Church perch

37 "___ in London" (jazz album)

38 "Kitchen or living room?"

41 Like XX vis-à-vis X, size-wise

43 "American Beauty" setting

44 Canadian station sign

45 "Via Veneto?"

47 Villainous member of the Serpent Society, in Marvel Comics

50 39-Down vote

53 FedEx rival

54 Half of a 1980s sitcom duo

56 Football's Adam Vinatieri, e.g.

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ARE	SQUARE	SPED
MEL	SUPPED	AHSE
ALI	RED AND	WHITE
SIZE	BAR	HALAS
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RACE	DELANEY	
ASCOT	MERE	DNA
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BLANCHÉ	DUBOIS	
IDONT	IMA	SRTA
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AMEN	CARNES	ALA
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Down

1 Subtitle of many biographies

2 The majority of Jutlanders

3 Mary's charge

4 Retail giant founded by a 17-year-old

5 Swell

6 Song sung by an orphan

7 Expose, poetically

8 Sounds of surprise

9 Stout

10 ___ smasher

11 Very dry

12 "The Lost World" menace

14 Answer to each of the six starred clues, literally

16 Play-___

22 Literary monogram

23 Chip, maybe

24 Amaze

25 Piccolo players, e.g.

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27 Affected one	36 Devotional bench	51 Nebraska senator succeeded by Hagel
29 Masked men with blades	39 Voting 50-Across	40 1972 treaty subj.
30 Big blow?	41 Judge's cry	42 Red-faced
31 Alpha, beta or gamma	46 Pilot's abbr.	48 "___ when?"
32 Eponymous scale developer	49 Gadflies, e.g.	50 Hairy Himalayan
33 Diamond family name		59 Greek character

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I-I'm fine.

It, it was only a dream.

Unwise

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Set?

Ready?

I had Chipotle for lunch today.

No worries ladies.

GO!

I fuckin hate her so much sometimes.

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OW.

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10 yr old sammich puts the president into coma.

Are you sure I'm actually in coma and not dead?

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Julia Tasciolo 2009

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I don't think it's because I'm a mythological creature...

I mean, have you seen the kind of reception the satyr that just transferred here is getting?

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Band finds music success in collage of sounds, senses

By Emily Royall
Daily Texan Staff

Desiring a stronger relationship with the earth, local musicians Tyler Norton and Aaron Oberlin of Wave Hands Like Clouds combine lyrics, field recordings and melodies into textural symphonies, emulating the sounds and sensations of nature.

Their studio itself is a collage of artwork, fabric and instruments. A few strands of sunlight leaking through the blinds of a single open window illuminated hundreds of dog-eared pictures adorning the patchwork walls of their intimate studio space.

“What I make visually is completely tied to what I make sonically,” Norton said, noticing my gaze drifting along the apartment walls. “It all feels connected.”

Originally meeting at an art collective in Houston, Oberlin and Norton began to toy with the idea of making music together but never intended to start a band. After a brief period of exchanging ideas and musical content online, the two decided to get serious, and Norton left school while Oberlin made the move to Austin.

“Now that we live together, the whole way in which we make music is different. We can take one little sound and work on it together from the beginning,” Oberlin said. “You don’t challenge yourself in the same way someone else will challenge you.”

The name Wave Hands Like Clouds is credited to Norton, who was inspired by a tai-chi movement he learned in high school.

“It’s a really beautiful simple motion that helps you balance your energy,” Norton said. “Our music is about trying to balance that energy.”

The band has certainly had plenty of energy to share, producing an LP, *Don’t Be Afraid of the Things We’ll Change*, self-releasing an EP at Domy Books and playing a “Local Live” show on KVRX—all within a few months of moving to Austin. Norton feels this is a result of his dedication.

“Most of my energy and focus is towards this project,” he said.

WHAT: Wave Hands Like Clouds

WHERE: Pie Guys Pizzeria

WHEN: Friday at 9 p.m.

TICKETS: Free

The band has made a steady climb into KVRX’s “topless 39.”

The band sees its art as more than just a combination of eclectic musical influences; Norton and Oberlin are also advocates of an alternative lifestyle that is more sympathetic to nature.

“We need to learn how to listen to nature more and incorporate it into our daily lives,” Norton said. “Fear disconnects us from the natural process.”

In an attempt to revive this relationship with nature, Wave Hands Like Clouds makes seasonal music that varies with temporal fluctuations in nature. Norton pays special attention to how the seasons affect him.

“We need to learn how to listen to nature and incorporate it into our daily lives.”

— Tyler Norton

Member of Wave Hands Like Clouds

“I feel more energetic in warmer months and lethargic or dreamy in winter,” he said. “I deliberately try to reflect that in my music.”

The band intends on illustrating these ideas in future projects, which includes a

new album based on an original story about a group of artists that leave the city to try living in nature.

“What if we choose something else?” Norton asked. “What if a group of people decided to reclaim their place on the planet?”

“Abandoning Romanization,” one of the band’s newest songs, explores this concept.

“Sometimes you have to realize that you don’t need the system to be safe,” Oberlin said.

Wave Hands Like Clouds hopes to sign to a label in the future, but until then, the band plans to play as many Austin shows as possible. With a trace of exhilaration in his eyes, Oberlin considered the future of the band.

“Beyond that, who knows?” Oberlin asked. “Everything we do keeps evolving.”

Festival prompts contest at cafe

By Carlo Castillo
Daily Texan Staff

On Tuesday, seven musical groups composed of UT students performed on the small stage in the Cactus Cafe, which has served as a springboard for big dreams. These seven groups were competing in the Kerrville Singer-Songwriter Contest and were selected by the Music Entertainment Committee from nearly 20 submitted demos. The winner of the contest will perform in the Kerrville Folk Festival this summer.

At 8 p.m., the sound in the busy cafe quieted as an organizer of the Kerrville Folk Festival, Stuart Vexler, stepped into the spotlight.

“Here we are at the historic cafe,” he said.

A signed, framed picture of Texas rock legend Townes Van Zandt hung on a wall near the stage, affirming Vexler’s statement. Van Zandt performed on the same stage many times, many years ago. His career, like several others, started in the small cafe.

In January, the Texas Union Board of Directors announced its decision to cease cafe operations in August because of budget concerns. This decision could subsequently force aspiring local musicians, like those who competed in the contest, to seek other venues to spur a life of musicmaking.

A surge of opposition from students, alumni and other music fans has surfaced since the decision was made public. Those sentiments were echoed throughout the audience and among the performers.

“I love this place so much, and I’m so glad we get to play here,” said Chase Weinacht, a member of



Rene Huynh | Daily Texan Staff

UT student Blake Stokes performs in the Cactus Cafe’s Kerrville Singer-Songwriter Contest on Tuesday. This year’s contest could likely be the last of its kind because of the possible closing of the cafe.

Marmalakes, which performed in the contest. He said closing the Cactus Cafe is a musical tragedy.

“It’s one of my favorite [venues] in town, and it really has to stay,” he said.

Vexler’s feelings mirrored Weinacht’s.

“My feelings are those of any music fan,” Vexler said. “I’ve listened to a lot of great music here, and I wonder how many people are here to hear what could be their last show at the Cactus.”

Marmalakes opened the night with Woodstock-esque sounds pro-

duced by a harmonica, an acoustic guitar, light drums and soft vocals.

Six other contenders followed — each different, but each a representation of the varied musical talent that can be found at UT. Solo participants plucked their guitars, struck the keys on their keyboard and sang soft melodies to accompany their instruments. Groups of two introduced the quaint sounds of the cello and the xylophone.

The night wrapped up with engineering sophomore Ryan James McGill and music resident assistant Bailey Glover winning the contest.

The two will play the first Friday of the 39th Annual Kerrville Folk Festival, which will take place May 27 through June 13.

After the competition ended, Vexler contemplated where the contest that has been held at the Cactus Cafe for the past nine years would be held in the future.

“I think that if there is a demand for the contest — and judging by the amount of people here, there is — we’ll be able to find a venue to suit our needs,” Vexler said.

NATURE: Sanctity of Tuvan throat singing threatened

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that has a high level of culture evidenced by the fact that so many people are interested in our music.”

Despite the band’s growing popularity in the U.S., the sanctity of Tuvan cultural products such as throat singing is threatened by an archaic rivalry with Mongolia and overshadowed by the Russian Federation.

Recently, China and Mongolia filed a petition with the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to claim throat singing as a “cultural treasure” of China, even though the Tuvans claim throat singing to be an ancient and integral part of their culture.

Because of Tuva’s small size compared to the Russian Federation, voices opposing these infringements of Tuvan cultural heritage are often unheard.

“This is why we also function as an outreach group,” Quirk said. “As part of the Russian Federation, it’s easy for Tuvan culture to disappear.”

As a result, the ensemble performs at venues all across the U.S., including schools and universities.

“We’ve maybe sung for four [thousand] to five thousand schoolchildren,” Quirk said. “Ultimately, we are interested in bringing the music of Tuva to anyone who is willing to listen.”

Eliot Stone, a UT graduate student in the Department for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, was one of the first to hear the group.

“I was so drawn to throat singing,” Stone said. “There’s something about the sound that stirs

people.”

While studying the music and language of Tuvan culture, Stone became acquainted with the ensemble and is now the Texas representative for the band, arranging shows and accompanying the ensemble during its Texas tour. “I am proud to call the members of

the ensemble my friends,” Stone said.

The band appeared enthralled with the novelties of Texas, pausing during our interview to curiously observe a water moccasin slither by. “Austin is awesome,” one band member said. “Texas is a big country!” another exclaimed.

“Even though Texas is really great, I still miss home since home is where your No. 1 love is,” Sam said.

Stone and Quirk will be presenting the Alash Ensemble tonight for free at 7 p.m. in the AVA-YA Auditorium at the A.C.E.S. Building on campus.



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Tyler Norton and Aaron Oberlin mix synth and live tracks to create an eclectic and lucid sound that mimics aspects of nature.

SHOW: Designers challenge ethics of fur

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captured the luxury of fur and leather with designs for those in the fashion world — models, editors and designers.

“I usually tend to mix my edgy sense of style with something else that’s in style,” Ruiz said. “I’m using a lot of fur, leathers, feathers and wool — natural fibers. All my looks will have a crazy, dramatic feather headdress with leather and boots.”

In addition to large, imposing combat boots, Ruiz’s looks feature flowing fur coats inspired by the wealth of Manhattan’s Upper East Side and the joyful, colorful plumage of a 1920s flapper.

In trying to capture much of that affluent lifestyle, Ruiz also admitted to spending somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,400 on her collection. While the University Co-op does provide \$275 to each designer, the seniors pay for the

rest of their fabrics and supplies out of pocket.

However, elegance does not always have to come at such a high price or with materials from animals. With the exception of the small leather trim on Russell’s smoking-gun dress, she will be using all faux furs and leathers.

“I think it’s a big trend right now for students to be aware of their social obligation to be environmentally friendly,” Russell said. “If there’s an option out there not to kill animals and it looks just as good, then we should embrace it.”

Other senior designers such as Meagan Smith encouraged a reuse-and-recycle attitude about buying furs and leathers.

“I do wear a lot of fur, usually vintage fur, because I think it’s more responsible,” Smith said. “If I had a line where I was producing big volumes, I’d look into rescuing old fur coats that are ripped and re-dyeing them — something a little

more sustainable.”

Smith’s chic all-black collection incorporates more subtle touches of leather with fringe, including a long-sleeved dress with leather-fringe wings and feathers hanging down and another with a short, soft, cascading leather-fringe skirt and a sexy, sheer cut-away top.

“I love Stevie Nicks, but I didn’t want my collection to feel too costume,” Smith said. “I wanted it to feel modern and chic with the black palette and all the fringe.”

Despite some of the ethical implications of using fur and leather, she and Ruiz agree that “fashion is just fashion” — a timeless, expressive art form — and hope their dresses are showstoppers.

“People have been wearing furs and leathers since the beginning of time, and now people are wearing even less than before,” Smith said. “I wanted to keep [my collection] sexy and for people to wear it anywhere and get noticed.”

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Fur, leather will take center stage



Amanda Martin | Daily Texan Staff

Apparel and design senior Elizabeth Ruiz works on a piece from her line, which combines fur and leather, for the "High Voltage" fashion showcase.

'High Voltage' designers add luxury, empowerment to clothing collections

Editor's note: This is the second story in a series that highlights trends in the upcoming UT fashion show, while will be held April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center.

By Gerald Rich
 Daily Texan Staff

Whether it's leather's velvety-smooth texture or fur's slight ruffling against your fingers, these materials wrap the wearer with the classic allure of empowerment and luxury.

For this year's UT Division of Textiles and Apparel fashion show, "High Voltage," several seniors have reflected this concept in their sleek, modern designs, using these materials while trying to remain eco-friendly.

When there was still a chill in the air, leather jackets with calf-hugging riding boots were seen all around campus and the fashion world. Many designers' lines, such as Michael Kors and Rag & Bone, showed off a number of fur and leather looks

in February during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York.

"I really like the idea of being able to put on a garment and disguise yourself," said Leslie Ann Russell, an apparel and design senior. "[My collection] is all about empowering women in roles that were typically men's in a post-apocalyptic world."

Russell's collection is inspired by actress and model Milla Jovovich's look in the "Resident Evil" zombie-horror films and the sci-fi action

movie "The Fifth Element." In addition to athletic faux-python-skin shorts and a long, hooded, purple faux-fur vest, Russell also designed a fitted, teal motorcycle jacket with a loose, reversible tank top and a short, hooded black dress with an intricate smoking-pistol applique running up the skirt.

While Russell opted for the allure of empowerment, fellow apparel and

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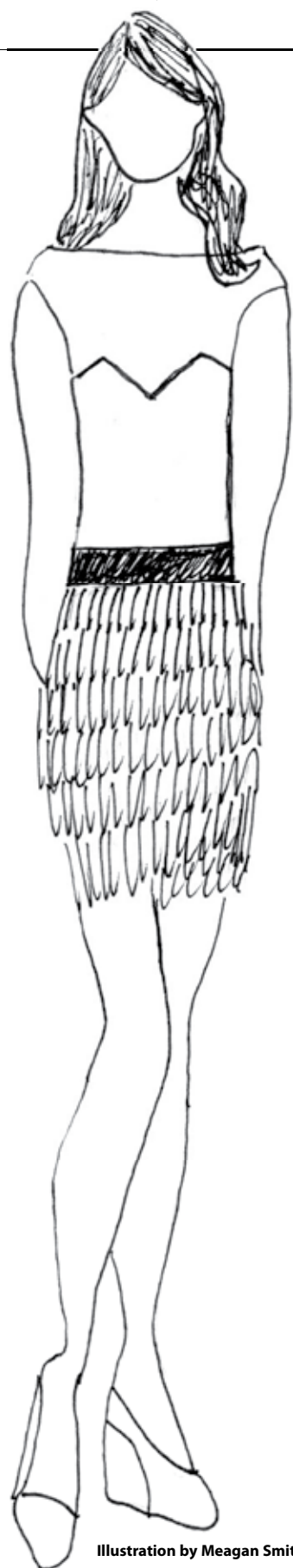


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Nature-mimicking singers visit Austin for live show

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On a bright Austin afternoon, four master throat singers from the Tuva Republic, distracted by the exotic features of the Texas Espresso Cafe, shivered in what they felt was frigid weather.

"Cold!" one member exclaimed jokingly about the 85-degree temperature. A glimpse of excitement and confidence spread on their pink faces as they examined the scenery, embellishing Tuvan conversation with the occasional English word or phrase. "Austin awesome," one member remarked.

Then, an American voice chirped up.

"Out of all of the things I've done with my life, this is the thing that grabbed me in the most deepest place and truest spot," Alash Ensemble manager Sean Quirk said.

The Alash Ensemble of traditional throat singers, currently on its eighth U.S. tour, is stopping this week in Austin and performing at UT tonight.

Throat singing is a form of overtone singing originally practiced in the Tuva Republic in southern Siberia. The practice has ancient pastoral origins and is often described as a means to mimic nature's sounds by creating "sonic sketches" of geographical features.

The memory of such landscapes is transmitted through song to subsequent generations of children and students.

Biofeedback is a key mechanism of throat singing in which singers achieve multiple harmonies by controlling the way their vocal tracts open and close. The result is a deep, vibratory, earthy sound resonating exotically from the performers' nearly motionless lips — a truly remarkable feat.

A throat singer himself, Quirk first heard the enigmatic sounds of traditional throat singing as a college student in Minnesota.

"I was blown away with the intensity of the musical picture it created," he recalled. "I knew at that moment that this had been



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Ayan Shirizhik plays a long, end-blown flute called a "shoor." Shirizhik is part of the Alash Ensemble, a Tuvan throat singing quartet.

the music I was waiting to listen to my entire life."

The Alash Ensemble originated at Tuva's Kyzyl Arts College in 1999. Consisting of four members — Nachyn Choodu, Bady-Dorzhu Ondar, Ayan-ool Sam and Ayan Shirizhik — the group became known as one of the first throat singing ensembles to represent a Tuvan university. In 2003, supported by a Fulbright scholarship, Quirk joined the ensemble and was initiated into the local community.

"We got along on a lot of levels, and they formed my core group of friends and mentors," Quirk said. He is now married to a Tuvan woman and living in

Tuva's capital city of Kyzyl, acting as the band's manager and American contact.

Happy about his decision to stay in Tuva, Quirk retrospectively praised his insight.

"I'm just very thankful that at the crucial decision-making moment, I decided to answer to the call of adventure," he said.

For the Alash Ensemble, the U.S. tour has been an exciting journey. Quirk pointed out that the ensemble had developed a legitimate following. Ensemble member Ayan-ool Sam agreed and provided a reason: "America is a highly developed country

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